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SUBJECT:U.S. ANTIDUMPING ACTION AGAINST VOLVO AND SAAB

1. SWEDISH MINISTER, LENNART ECKERBERG, CALLED ON DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY GLITMAN MORNING AUGUST 4 TO EXPRESS SWEDISH CONCERN OVER CURRENT ANTIDUMPING INVESTIGATION WHICH INCLUDES VOLVO AND SAAB. HE STATED THAT HE WAS CONVINCED NO DUMPING WOULD BE FOUND IN CONNECTION WITH THESE TWO FIRMS, BUT WAS CONCERNED OVER THE DIFFICULTY, EXPENSE AND HARASSMENT TO WHICH THEY WOULD BE SUBJECT SHOULD A FULL-SCALE INVESTIGATION BE UNDERTAKEN. HE STATED HE WAS UNDER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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INSTRUCTION TO EXPRESS THE CONCERN OF THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT AND PARTICULARLY TO POINT OUT ITS VIEW THAT THE CURRENT PETITIONS FILED BY A CONGRESSMAN AND THE UNITED AUTO WORKERS DID NOT MEET THE GATT CRITERIA FOR ANTIDUMPING INVESTIGA-

TION. HE ADDED THAT IT WAS MORE LIKELY THAT U.S. AUTO DIFFICULTIES WERE THE RESULT OF RECESSION AND NOT DUMPING OF FOREIGN PRODUCTS. HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT TREASURY WOULD NOT FIND IT NECESSARY TO UNDERTAKE FULL INVESTIGATION. IF, HOWEVER, AN INVESTIGATION WERE INSTITUTED, HE SAID THAT SWEDISH GOVERNMENT BELIEVED THE BEST COURSE WOULD BE TO REFER THE CASE TO THE ITC AS PROVIDED IN THE TRADE ACT OF 1974 FOR A PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION ON INJURY.

2. MR. GLITMAN ASSURED HIM THAT WE WOULD SEE THAT THE VIEWS OF THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT WERE CONVEYED TO THE APPROPRIATE U.S. GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITIES. HE THEN POINTED OUT THAT THE GATT WORDING FOR FILING OF A PETITION INCLUDED THE WORD "NORMALLY" WHEN REFERRING TO FILING BY INDUSTRY. IN THIS RESPECT U.S. ACTIONS COULD BE CONSIDERED VALID UNDER THE GATT. FURTHER, THE GATT DID NOT PRECISELY DEFINE INDUSTRY AND IT WAS NOT INCONSISTENT TO CONSIDER EMPLOYEES AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DOMESTIC INDUSTRY. HE ASSURED MR. ECKERBERG THAT WE WOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO SEE THAT THE CASE WAS DEALT WITH IN AS FAIR, FAST AND EFFICIENT A MANNER AS POSSIBLE. IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT THE ITC INVESTIGATION PRESCRIBED IN THE TRADE ACT REQUIRES THE ITC TO MAKE A FINDING ONLY IF THERE IS NO LIKELIHOOD OF INJURY AND THUS IF IT TAKES NO ACTION IN 30 DAYS THE INVESTIGATION CONTINUES.

3. MR. ECKERBERG REQUESTED THAT HIS MISSION BE KEPT INFORMED OF THE STATUS OF THIS CASE AND WAS ASSURED THAT WE WOULD KEEP HIM FULLY INFORMED. INGERSOLL

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